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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

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NODIS

CHEROKEE

NAIROBI FOR MOOSE ONLY, LUSAKA FOR CHARGE ONLY, MAPUTO
FOR CHARGE ONLY, DAR ES SALAAM FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY

FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 5120 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 30.

QUOTE:S E C R E T PRETORIA 5120

NODIS - CHEROKEE

FROM LOW

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

REF: STATE 217680

1. WHILE REFTTEL IS AN ADMIRABLE SUMMARY OF RECENT
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DEVELOPMENTS, IT GIVES AN IMPRESSION WHICH I BELIEVE IS
NOT ACCURATE. THE ORIGINAL SUGGESTION FOR A MEETING
WITH NKOMO CAME FROM SMITH. THAT FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.
HOWEVER, IT WAS FOLLOWED A MONTH OR SO LATER BY AN
INITIATIVE BY NKOMO TO SET UP THE MEETING. NKOMO HAD
ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GARBA, WHO HAD AGREED TO
PROVIDE THE COVER WHEN THE BRITISH WERE INFORMED. THE

ZAPU LEADER MADE THE CONTACTS WITH SMITH DIRECTLY THROUGH HIS INTERNAL MOVEMENT AND, OF COURSE, DEALT WITH KAUNDA IN ARRANGING THE LOCATION.

2. THROUGHOUT, THE BRITISH WERE INFORMED OF WHAT WAS GOING ON BUT HAD NO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT BEYOND AGREEING TO GO ALONG WITH IT IN MAKING PLANS FOR THE ALL-PARTIES MEETING. COOPERATION WAS REQUESTED OF THEM IN THE FORM OF TRANSPORT, BUT REFUSED.

3. THUS, I BELIEVE IT IS INACCURATE TO DESCRIBE THE AUGUST 14 MEETING AS RESULTING FROM BRITISH EFFORT AND INVOLVING UK ASSISTANCE. IT WAS STRICTLY A SMITH-NKOMO AFFAIR. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF US-UK CLOSE ASSOCIATION IN A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT EFFORT AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHOULD THE NKOMO-SMITH MEETING, AND THE FOLLOW-UP, IF IT OCCURS, BECOME PUBLIC, IT WILL BE WIDELY ASSUMED THAT GRAHAM AND I WERE INVOLVED. NEITHER OF US WAS. OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO SEEKING AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING.

4. THE ABOVE ACCOUNT IS BASED ON HAVING SEEN MOST OF THE BRITISH REPORTS ON THIS MATTER. THERE ARE A FEW WHICH WERE NOT REPEATED TO US IN SALISBURY AND I HAVE NOT THEREFORE READ. THERE COULD HAVE BEEN SOME BRITISH INVOLVEMENT OF WHICH I AM NOT AWARE. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE
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THE STORY TO BE ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE AS I HAVE DESCRIBED IT.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATE TO LUSAKA, MAPUTO, DAR ES SALAAM, AND NAIROBI FOR DICK MOOSE.
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